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Letter dated 8 February 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government and further to my letter dated 14 December 2000 (A/55/693-S/2000/1193), I have the honour to draw your attention to new massive violations of the flight information region of Nicosia and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus by military aircraft of the Turkish Air Force, recorded on 1, 7, 10, 12, 18 and 20 December 2000, as well as on 7, 10, 12, 18, 23, 24, 28 and 29 January 2001.

On 1 December, one (1) Turkish military aircraft entered the Nicosia flight information region, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Mesaoria, before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou in the occupied area of the Republic.

On 7 December, one (1) C-160 Turkish military aircraft entered the Nicosia flight information region, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Karpasia (Cape of Apostolos Andreas), before exiting in a south-easterly direction. The C-160 aircraft returned later on the same day and entered once again the Nicosia flight information region, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Karpasia before exiting towards the flight information region of Ankara.

On 10 December, one (1) Turkish military aircraft entered the Nicosia flight information region, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Kormakitis, before returning to the flight information region of Ankara.

On 12 December, two (2) F-16 Turkish military aircraft entered the Nicosia flight information region, violating international air traffic regulations before returning to the flight information region of Ankara. Furthermore, on the same day (12.12.2000), one (1) Turkish military aircraft took off from an illegal airport in the occupied area of the Republic and flew over the area of Kormakitis, violating

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international air traffic regulations, before returning afterwards to the flight information region of Ankara.

On 18 December, one (1) B-200 Turkish military aircraft entered the Nicosia flight information region, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Mesaoria, before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou in the occupied area of the Republic. The aircraft returned on the same day to the flight information region of Ankara.

On 20 December, one (1) F-4 and one (1) C-130 Turkish military aircraft entered the Nicosia flight information region, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, as follows:

(a) The F-4 military aircraft violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Karpasia (Cape of Apostolos Andreas) before exiting in a south-easterly direction;

(b) The C-130 military aircraft violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the areas of Karpasia (Cape of Apostolos Andreas) before exiting in a south-easterly direction. The aircraft returned afterwards from the same direction;

On 7 January, one (1) "Cougar" Turkish military aircraft took off from the illegal airport of Tymbou in the occupied area of the Republic, violating international air traffic regulations, before returning to the flight information region of Ankara.

On 10 January, one (1) C-130 Turkish military aircraft entered the Nicosia flight information region, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Karpasia (Cape of Apostolos Andreas), before exiting in a south-easterly direction. The C-130 aircraft returned later on the same day and entered once again the Nicosia flight information region, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Karpasia before exiting towards the flight information region of Ankara.

On 12 January, one (1) AB-200 Turkish military aircraft entered the Nicosia flight information region, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Mesaoria, before landing first at the illegal airports of Tymbou and Krini, both in the occupied area of the Republic.

On 18 January, two (2) F-4 Turkish military aircraft coming from an easterly direction, entered the Nicosia flight information region, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Karpasia (Cape of Apostolos Andreas), before returning to the flight information region of Ankara.

On 23 January, one (1) B-200 and two (2) "Agusta Bell" Turkish military aircraft entered the Nicosia flight information region, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus as follows:

(a) The B-200 military aircraft entered the Nicosia flight information region, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou in the occupied

area of the Republic, from where it took off later on the same day, returning to the flight information region of Ankara;

(b) The two (2) "Agusta Bell" Turkish military aircraft took off from the illegal airport of Krini and violating international air traffic regulations, flying towards the northern part of the Nicosia flight information region, from where one of them exited towards the flight information region of Ankara and the other returned and landed at the same airport in the occupied area of the Republic.

On 24 January, one (1) C-160 Turkish military aircraft entered the Nicosia flight information region, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Karpasia (Cape of Apostolos Andreas), before exiting in a south-easterly direction. The aircraft returned afterwards from the same direction and entered once again the Nicosia flight information region, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Karpasia (Cape of Apostolos Andreas), before returning afterwards to the flight information region of Ankara.

On 28 January, one (1) CN-235 Turkish military aircraft entered the Nicosia flight information region, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Mesaoria, before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou in the occupied area of the Republic, returning afterwards to the flight information region of Ankara.

On 29 January, one (1) F-4 Turkish military aircraft entered the Nicosia flight information region, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Karpasia (Cape of Apostolos Andreas), before exiting in a south-easterly direction.

Finally, on the same day (29 January), two (2) CN-235 and one (1) "Gulfstream", all Turkish military aircraft, entered the Nicosia flight information region, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus as follows:

(a) One (1) CN-235 military aircraft violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Mesaoria before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou in the occupied area of the Republic and from where it took off on the same day returning to the flight information region of Ankara;

(b) One (1) "Gulfstream" military aircraft violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Mesaoria before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou in the occupied area of the Republic, from where it took off on the next day (30 January) and returned to the flight information region of Ankara.

On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Cyprus, I strongly protest the above-mentioned actions, which violate international law as well as the Security Council resolutions on Cyprus, and call for their cessation. I would like to note that these violations are taking place at a time when the international community expects the Turkish side to reverse its decision not to attend the next round of negotiations, under your auspices. The Government of Turkey should abide by the Charter of the United Nations, respect the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of the Republic of Cyprus and contribute towards finding a just and viable solution to the Cyprus problem on the basis of United Nations resolutions.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 64, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Sotos **Zackheos**
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